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### **1. Zojila Day commemorated at Zojila War Memorial, Drass ( Nov. 2, 2022 )**

Zojila Day

**Zojila Day** was observed on **1 November 2022** at the **Zojila War Memorial near Dras** to celebrate the gallant action taken by the Indian soldiers in 'Operation Bison'. '**Operation Bison**' was launched on the icy heights of **Zojila Pass**, the gateway to **Ladakh in 1948**.

#### **Important facts**

- The Commander of Drass Warriors of Leh's Fire and Fury Corps paid floral tributes to the soldiers who were martyred in liberating the Zojila Pass from Pakistani infiltrators.
- Zojila Day is an indomitable symbol of the bravery of the Indian Army.
- This battle is considered historic as tanks were used for the first time at such a height.
- Zojila Day is a symbol of the indomitable spirit of bravery and 'Never Say Die' of the Indian Army.

#### **About Zojila Pass**

- It is a high mountain pass in Jammu and Kashmir, located on **National Highway 1**.
- It connects Srinagar in **Kashmir Valley to Leh** in Ladakh region.
- It has an elevation of about **3,528 metres (11,575 ft)**, and is the **second highest pass** on the Srinagar-Leh National Highway after **Photu La**.
- This is known as the '**Icy Storm Pass**'.
- The Zojila Tunnel project was started in the year **2018**. It is the longest and strategic bi-directional tunnel in Asia.

#### **About The battle of Zojila**

- During the Indo-Pakistani War of **1947**, Zojila was seized by Pakistani-backed invaders in **1948** in their campaign to capture Ladakh.
- On **November 1, 1948**, the Zojila Pass was recaptured by the Indian Army in an attack called **Operation Bison**.
- The Battle of Zojila was one of the first battles of the Indian Army in the high altitude region.

### **2. In-Situ Slum Rehabilitation' Project ( Nov. 2, 2022 )**

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### **About In-Situ Slum Rehabilitation' Project**

- The objective of the project is to provide a better and livable healthy environment with proper facilities to the people residing in slum clusters.
- **Under Phase I, 3024 EWS flats** have been constructed at the vacant commercial centre site nearby.
- The first phase of the project has been completed and 3024 flats are ready.
- Under the Kalkaji Extension Project, in-situ slum rehabilitation of three slums—**Bhumiheen Camp, Navjeevan Camp and Jawahar Camp at Kalkaji**—is being carried out in a phased manner.
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#### **4. Arunachal Pradesh to get Northeast's first fish museum ( Nov. 2, 2022 )**

Arunachal Pradesh

A fish museum, the **first of its kind in the Northeast**, would soon be built in **Arunachal Pradesh**, Fisheries Minister Tage Taki said.

##### **Important facts**

- The museum will be a part of the **Integrated Aqua Park (IAP)** sanctioned by the Union Ministry of Fisheries.
- It will have all the fish species of the state and will act as a training center for the fishermen.
- Three years ago, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced one IAP for each state and union territory under the **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMSY)** to bring about a **blue revolution**.
- The proposed cost of the project is **Rs 100 crore**.
- **Rs 43.59 crore** was sanctioned for the project in the current financial year as first instalment.
- The existing **Tarin Fish Farm (TFF)** located in the high altitude **Bulla village** will be upgraded as an IAP where this museum will be built.

##### **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMSSY)**

- It is a sustainable development scheme focused on the fisheries sector, to be implemented in all States/UTs from **FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25** (during a period of 5 years) under Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- Under this scheme, an investment of **Rs 20,050 crore** will be made in the fisheries sector.

- Insurance cover, financial assistance and Kisan Credit Card facility are also provided to the fishermen under the scheme.
- Its objective is to rapidly promote rural development and rural economy by utilising rural resources.
- An impressive growth of **14.3 percent** has been registered in the fisheries sector till the year 2021-22 as compared to the year 2019-20.

## **5. Invest Karnataka - 2022 Summit ( Nov. 2, 2022 )**

Invest Karnataka

The Prime Minister, **Narendra Modi**, addressed the inaugural function of the **Global Investors Meet Invest Karnataka 2022** through video conferencing on November 2, 2022.

### **Important facts**

- More than 80 speakers will present their views in the three-day event to be held in **Bengaluru from November 2-4.**
- The key **themes** to be addressed during the event will be related to **innovation, sustainability, equity and resilience.**
- Speakers include some top industry leaders including **Kumar Mangalam Birla, Sajjan Jindal, Vikram Kirloskar** among others.
- **The aim of the Summit** is to attract potential investors and establish a growth agenda for the next decade.
- The sessions of the conference will be hosted separately by **Germany, Netherlands, South Korea, Japan and Australia** who are in India along with high level ministerial and industrial delegations from their respective countries.
- The global scale of the event will give Karnataka an opportunity to showcase its culture to the world as well.

## **6. International book fair at Expo Centre UAE ( Nov. 2, 2022 )**

International book fair

The **41st international book fair**, being organised by the **Sharjah Book Authority (SBA)**, will be held from November 2-13, 2022 at **Expo Centre Sharjah.**

### **Important facts**

- The book fair will host several award winning authors, intellectuals and other literary figures from across the world.
- This year's theme of the fair is '**Spread the Word**'.
- The Publications Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India is participating in the Sharjah International Book Fair.

- The Publications Division will offer readers and book lovers a wide variety of books on the history of the Indian freedom struggle and freedom fighters.
- Readers will get a chance to read more than 100 books and magazines in various Indian languages on various subjects.

### **About Publications Division**

- Established in the year **1941**, the Publications Division is a **premier publishing house** of the Government of India.
- The Directorate of Publications Division is a repository of various types of books and magazines.
- These books highlight topics of national importance and the rich cultural heritage of India.
- It offers books and magazines in various languages on diverse subjects like Indian history, culture, literature, biography, science, technology, environment and employment.
- Its textual content is renowned for its authenticity as well as for the reasonable price of the publications.
- Its major publications include popular monthly magazines such as **Yojna, Kurukshetra, Bal Bharati and Aajkal** as well as the weekly employment newspaper Employment News.
- Apart from this, it also publishes the prestigious reference annuity '**India Year Book**' of the government.

### **7. CDFD launches study to develop treatments for rare genetic diseases in children ( Nov. 2, 2022 )**

treatments for rare genetic diseases in children

**Hyderabad-based Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD)** on November 1, 2022 launched a nationwide study to decode the **genetic mutation that causes Paediatric Rare Genetic Disorder (PRaGeD)** in children.

#### **Important facts**

- The PRaGeD mission is a pan-India initiative funded by the **Department of Biotechnology (DBT)**.
- The initiative will discover genes that cause rare diseases, develop suitable treatments, provide counselling and create awareness among people.
- About 15 research and health institutions from across the country are participating in the study.
- Under this initiative, 5,600 families will be screened over a period of five years to identify the genetic causes of undiagnosed paediatric rare genetic diseases.

- Once the genetic mutation is detected in these children, the researchers will conduct
- studies in animals and cell models to understand how the genetic mutations are causing the rare disease.

### **What is a rare genetic disease?**

- A rare disease is any disease that affects a small percentage of the population.
- Most rare diseases are genetic, therefore these are called **rare genetic diseases**.
- These diseases are present throughout a person's entire life, even if symptoms do not immediately appear.
- Common rare diseases found in India are haemophilia, thalassemia, sickle cell anaemia and primary immune deficiency in children, auto-immune diseases, lysosomal storage disorders like Pompe disease, Hirschsprung disease etc.
- The burden of rare genetic diseases in India is close to **70 million** and about 30 percent of children suffering from such diseases are below the age of five years.

### **8. UP's Ranipur gets 53rd tiger reserve of India ( Nov. 1, 2022 )**

53rd tiger reserve of India

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#### **Important facts**

- Ranipur Tiger Reserve in **Chitrakoot district** of UP is the **fourth tiger reserve** in the state after Dudhwa, Pilibhit and Amangarh.
- According to the latest tiger census conducted in 2018, India has 2,967 tigers, of which 173 are in UP.

#### **About Ranipur Tiger Reserve**

- Ranipur Wildlife Sanctuary is located on the **UP-MP border in Chitrakoot** and about 150 km from **Panna Tiger Reserve** in Madhya Pradesh.
- Covered with northern tropical dry deciduous forests, this area is home to tigers, leopards, bears, spotted deer, sambar, chinkara and other mammals.
- Established in **1977**, it is one of the main attractions of Chitrakoot district of Uttar Pradesh.

#### **Other tiger reserves in Uttar Pradesh**

- At present there are three tiger reserves in the state. These include **Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, Amangarh Tiger Reserve and Pilibhit Tiger Reserve**.

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## **10. Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina confers 'Friends of Liberation War' honour on Edward M Kennedy ( Nov. 1, 2022 )**

'Friends of Liberation War'

Bangladesh Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina** posthumously awarded the prestigious '**Friends of Liberation War**' honour to former US Senator **Edward M Kennedy in Dhaka** on 31 October for his contribution to the liberation of Bangladesh.

### **Important facts**

- The honour was handed over to his son **Edward M. Ted Kennedy Jr.**
- Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina remembered with gratitude the contribution of Edward Kennedy Sr.
- He said Kennedy Sr. took a bold step against the genocide committed by Pakistan on innocent Bengali people despite the role of the US government during the 1971 Liberation War.
- She said Kennedy Sr. had worked hard to suspend military and economic aid to Pakistan until the end of the war.

### **Liberation War of 1971**

- In the **1950s**, Pakistan was ruled by a military-bureaucratic rule that ruled the entire country (East and West Pakistan) in an undemocratic manner.
- The Bengalites had no political representation in this system of governance.
- This dominance of West Pakistan was challenged by the Bengalis during the general elections of 1970.
- In the general election of 1970, the Awami League of East Pakistan's **Sheikh Mujibur Rahman** got a clear majority.
- West Pakistan was not ready for any leader of East Pakistan to rule the country.
- On **March 26, 1971**, West Pakistan launched **Operation Searchlight** in East Pakistan.
- As a result, lakhs of Bangladeshis had to take refuge in India.
- The Pakistani army had to face defeat due to the bravery of the '**Muktiwahini Sena**' and Indian soldiers who fought for the independence of Bangladesh.
- On **6 December 1971**, a new nation Bangladesh was born out of 13 days of war with the intervention of India.